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WNTC Faced With Problems

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Technically related problems have sparked a delay in WNTC'S broadcasting thus far this semester, resulting in a loss of production capacity. The student operated, free broadcasting station has suffered from financial blows as well as commencement delays.

Problems in financing may be blamed 1) on the SGA here at Potsdam State for cutting off the stations funds, and 2) on SUCP students for not taking interest in the WNTC disc jockey program open to both Clarkson and State students. As a result of this lack of participation, the SGA felt obligated to stop funding the station entirely.

The station's anticipated airing for this year was set for the start of the semester, but was delayed until last Wednesday. Station manager Dan Wolfe accounted for this delay by pointing to the fact that "we (Clarkson students) have been working hard to complete a new airing board."

"The project is being pieced together by hand to save costs and therefore is more time consuming. It's not like we can say 'hey, we need a new air board, let's go buy

one'." Heading the project is Chief engineer Bob Solanto.

Besides these problems are deficiencies associated with the production room. "Although at this time we are not working at 100% efficiency, we will attempt to broadcast 24 hours a day in the future," said Wolfe.

WNTC features a mixture of progressive and Top 40 music and operates daily. "Our station also features such syndicated programs as 'Earth

News'," he continued. (Earth News is a pre-recorded series of interviews.)

Despite the problems and financial difficulties that have set back their broadcasting, Dan Wolfe looked at the brighter side of this situation saying, "Now that we are on the air, I would hope everyone would take advantage of the opportunity to listen to us."

Any persons interested in becoming a DJ for WNTC may call them at 265-7650.



Potsdam State budget cuts and lack of interest have led to delay in WNTC Broadcasting.